

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Torrance, California,  
October 20, 1924.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance was held in the Council Chambers at Torrance, California, October 20, 1924, and was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President Smith. The following Trustees were present: Brooks, Deininger, Torrence and Smith. Absent: Fitzhugh.

The regular order of business was deferred to hear protests against the proposed Alley paving, as had been advertised.

The Clerk read a protest against the use of Willite--recommending the grading, graveling and oiling of a certain alley in Block 69. The same was signed by 9 property owners, representing practically the total frontage.

Trustee Deininger moved that the hearing on Alley paving be continued until November 3, 1924, at 7:00 P.M. Trustee Torrence and Brooks seconded the motion which was duly carried.

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Taking up the regular order of business, the Clerk read the minutes of the regular meeting of October 6, 1924, which were approved as read.

The minutes of the adjourned, regular meeting of October 13, 1924, were read and approved as read.

The minutes of an adjourned meeting of an adjourned, regular meeting of October 14, 1924, were read and approved after a correction as to posting notices of change of setback line in Block 57.

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Trustee Fitzhugh came in at 7:20 P.M.

Two waivers as to setback line in Block 57, were read and ordered filed on motion by Trustee Deininger, seconded by Trustee Torrence, and a majority vote.

A communication from J. J. Boatman, regarding effluent sewage, was read.

Trustee Deininger moved that the Sewer committee be authorized to install an extra pump and a pipe line of sufficient diameter connecting with the cement line to take care of the effluent sewage. Trustee Torrence seconded the motion which was not carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustee Brooks.

NOES; Trustees: Deininger, Fitzhugh, Torrence, Smith.

ABSENT; Trustees: None.

A letter from the City Clerk of Los Angeles, regarding fire protection in the Shoe String Strip, was referred to the Fire committee to discuss with the Chief and report at next meeting on motion by Trustee Fitzhugh, seconded by Trustee Deininger, and a majority vote.

The communication from the Dominguez Land Corp. in re improving Redondo Boulevard, was referred to the City Engineer, Attorney and Clerk with instructions to get together and see what steps were necessary and devise a sufficient answer to said communication, on motion by Trustee Fitzhugh, seconded by Trustee Brooks, and a majority vote.

Under oral communications, Mr. Wright gave his reasons for protesting the alley paving in Block 69.

Trustee Deininger reported that the sewer matter had already been brought up; that there was some dissatisfaction among local contractors as to letting the sidewalk contract as a whole as it worked a hardship on a small contractor to finance himself for such a large undertaking. Trustee Fitzhugh suggested that such contractors get together and split up the work and help each other--all to be let as one contract--as the City could not get a competitive price otherwise.

The report on the fire escape at the Auditorium by Trustee Deininger was to the effect that it seemed a good plan to allow the fire escape to rest on the ground, there being less danger than having it suspended by a counterpoise.

In the matter of a truck for the Street department, Trustee Deininger moved that the City enter into a lease contract to procure a Chevrolet truck at a cost of \$918.00, and that the President of the Board be authorized to execute such contract. Trustee Torrence seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Deininger, Fitzhugh, Torrence and Smith.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: None.

Continuing his report, Trustee Deininger mentioned that the Street Supt had been using his private car for City business with an allowance of \$20.00 per month for same, and moved that the City enter into a lease contract to procure a Ford runabout with a delivery body at a cost of \$490.50, and that the President of the Board be authorized to execute such contract. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Deininger, Torrence, Fitzhugh and Smith.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: None.

Trustee Fitzhugh reported that two Ordinances were ready, one for final reading and one for discussion.

Attorney Briney reported that the State authorities had promised him in July that they would investigate and report on the matter of a registrar of vital statistics; that about a week ago he had written them that he would present a final petition to the Board requesting that the district be subdivided or that a deputy registrar be appointed as in Gardena, as we could show that our population is greater than Cardena's.

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that the Auditorium Co. be granted permission to rest their fire escape on the ground for a period of two years. Trustee Deininger seconded the motion which was duly carried.

An offer of an allowance of \$175.00 as a turn-in for the old motorcycle had been received from the Henderson Motorcycle Co. reported Trustee Torrence, and moved that the City enter into a lease contract for such a machine as per their written offer on file, cash outlay to be \$390.00; and that the President of the Board be authorized to execute such contract. Trustee Brooks seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Deininger, Fitzhugh, Torrence and Smith.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: None.

Trustee Torrence also reported on how the dog-muzzling proposition was working on account of the prevalence of rabies.

On Clerk Bartlett's report of the necessity of revamping some of the Ordinances and printing same, it was decided that Trustee Fitzhugh, Attorney Briney and the Clerk should get together and formulate a procedure or bring in recommendations.

The assistant Engineer reported that work had started on the Columbia Court paving and that he had succeeded in getting plans of the Western Avenue comp court.

Street Supt. Gascoigne reported that he would like to see some action on the Sewer proposition also that the work of oiling certain streets was progressing.

President Smith reported that he had not had time as yet to look into the matter of an Engineer to report on the water question.

Attorney Briney read:

ORDINANCE NO. 97  
AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 20 AND RE-  
PEALING ORDINANCE NO. 76.

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that Ordinance No. 97 be adopted as read for its final reading, and the same filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Torrence seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Fitzhugh, Torrence and Smith.

NOES; Trustee Deininger.

ABSENT; Trustees: None.

At 8:45 P.M., Trustee Deininger moved that the meeting adjourn until 7:00 P.M. October 27, 1924. Trustee seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Approved:

*R. R. Smith*  
President of the Board of Trustees  
of the City of Torrance.

*A. H. Bancroft*  
City Clerk of the City of Torrance.